

**REGULAR MEETING
HOUSING COMMITTEE
MARCH 17, 2009 – 2:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICES BOARDROOM**

1. Chairperson Rebecca Alegria called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Alegria, Mary Husby, Dave Corn, Kim Komanekin, Judith Duquain and Lloyd Pecore. MEMBERS ABSENT: Randall Chevalier (excused). Also present: Gary Fish, Kristen LaTender, Freida Bergeon, Irene Dickenson, Janice LaTender and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Election of Officers and Review/Approval of Committee By Laws

Motion made by to Dave Corn to nominate Randal Chevalier as Vice-Chairman. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Chevalier).

Motion made by to Mary Husby to nominate Kim Komanekin as Secretary. Second was by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Chevalier).

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE BY LAWS

The Committee would like the Legal Department to update the By Laws to reflect that there are only 2 MTL appointed Legislators, 2 MTL appointed community members and the rest of the committee is comprised of tribal employees that are stated within Ordinance #95-04- Tribal Governmental Plan.

The Committee updated the By Laws to move the evictions, grants and transfer of funds from “Action items” to “Non-Action” items.

The Committee confirmed to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month and to start at 2:00 p.m. for the regular monthly meetings.

Betty Jo Wozniak clarified that the Committee would not be able to review all the Housing budgets, especially the ones that have only 30 day windows to complete and send out for funding consideration.

Motion made by Kim Komanekin to approve the By Laws with the recommended changes. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Chevalier).

The Committee also received binders of updated Housing Policies for references purposes.

4. Approval of Minutes dated February 17, 2009

No corrections necessary.

Motion made by Lloyd Pecore to approve the minutes dated February 17, 2009. Second was by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions (Husby and Komanekin), and 1 absent (Chevalier).

5. Freida Bergeon Request to Seek Housing

The Committee was unanimous in discussing this item in Executive Session as this is a personal issue.

Motion made by Mary Husby suspend the agenda and go into Executive Session to hear Mrs. Bergeon issue. Second was by Kim Komanekin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Chevalier).

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT RECORDED*****

Motion made by Judith Duquain to come out of Executive Session. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Chevalier).

Motion made by Mary Husby that Freida Bergeon is allowed to stay at the Eagle's Nest for an additional 30 days (until April 27, 2009), and the policy restricting the amount of time that you are allowed to stay in the program be waived for this particular situation. Second was by Judith Duquain. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Chevalier).

Motion made by Mary Husby to have the Menominee Tribal Legislature formally request that the Tribal Chairman to write a letter to the Director of HUD to issue a waiver and grant an exception to the Menominee Tribe for an enrolled member (Freida Bergeon, eighty-four years of age), tribal elder to be allowed Public Housing prior to the eligibility date of September, 2009. Second was by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Chevalier).

(This waiver is being requested to waive the entire two year period due to the divesture of assets).

6. Monthly Report

EAGLE'S NEST

The Wilmer Peters property will be renovated for estimated amount of \$65,000.00. Grants have been applied for and when completed, this will become a second transitional home and this home will have applicants that can live in this home up six months.

The Eagles Nest is at full capacity and there is a waiting list.

HOUSING REPORT

Betty Jo Wozniak gave an update on the how the Economic Stimulus money will be spent to upgrade homes by replacing furnaces, buying propane tanks, installing programmable thermostats. The installation of the wood burners is being coordinated with other schedules for efficiency, and also not to disturb the tenants too much.

Betty Jo informed the committee (for the benefit of the new members) how her report is detailed, defined the differences and updates in housing programs, and answered any questions that the Committee may have had.

7. Other Business

Gary Fish came to the Committee to express his displeasure on not being hired as a Finished Carpenter. Mr. Fish went to HR and was not satisfied and has also seen Debra Bowman in the Chairman's Office. He will move forward to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for further action.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Mary Husby to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Kim Komanekin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Chevalier).

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office